the North East can also apply and compete for those posts. Local teachers are also appointed in KVs on part-time basis till the posts are filled up by regular teachers.

**Stoppage of ragging**

764. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any step to stop ragging in colleges as the new academic year is about to start; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is implementing those of the recommendations of the Report on Prevention of Ragging in Educational Institutions as have been accepted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a matter before the Apex court. Instructions have been issued to University Grants Commission, other Statutory Bodies and higher educational institutions to follow the instructions contained in the Report like constituting Monitoring Cells at the University level, forming Anti-Ragging Committees and Anti-Ragging Squads at the institutional level and enforcing the penal clause strictly as enshrined in the Report. Advertisements have been published in print media to generate awareness against the menace of ragging in educational institutions. State Governments have also been requested to comply with the directions of the Apex Court.

**Drop out in Jharkhand**

765. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drop out rate in Jharkhand is above 80 per cent;

(b) the literacy rate among the tribals of the State during the last three years; gender-wise;

(c) the school drop out among the tribals of the state; and

(d) the steps Government propose to retain tribal children in schools and improve the tribal human resource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Since drop-out data relate to figures collected over a period of time, the data, currently available for the year 2004-05 relate to Bihar including Jharkhand, is given below:

*Drop out rates of Bihar including Jharkhand for the year 2004-05*

| Stages | All categories of students | ST Students |
|---|---|---|
| Classes I-V | 51.59 % | 60.82 % |
| Classes I-VIII | 74.69 % | 76.20 % |
| Classes I-X | 83.06 % | 88.96 % |

As per Census 2001, the Scheduled Tribe literacy rate of Jharkhand is 40.67%, out of which male literacy rate is 53.98% and female literacy rate is 27.21%.

(d) Under the various schemes of the Government, special provisions have been made to improve the retention of the tribal children in schools and improvement of the tribal human resource, which include:

- Relax norms of opening primary/middle schools in tribal areas.
- Abolition of tuition fees in all States in Government schools up to the upper primary level.
- Distribution of free text books, uniforms, stationary and school bags to ST students.
- Construction of Boys/Girls hostels for STs.
- Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas.
- Eklavya Model Residential Schools.
- Educational complex in low literacy pockets.
- Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STs.

**Adult education and literacy mission**

766. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has, in a recent draft paper, suggested that the responsibility of adult education programmes should continue to be vested with the Central Government to prevent further deportation of the programme and also stressed the need to reinvent the national literacy mission so that it should be more vibrant and relevant to its target population;

(b) the details about the other suggestions made through the draft paper;

(c) the number of suggestions considered by Government; and

(d) the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) In respect of the Adult Education and Literacy Mission the National Knowledge Commission is in the process of holding wide stake holder consultations, internal deliberations and

research with a view to prepare a set of recommendations for submission to the Government.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

**FDI in higher education**

767. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers, set up to give recommendations on Foreign Direct Investment in higher education has recommended 50 per cent FDI in higher education and has suggested that only well-recognized and established universities both from the country and abroad should be allowed to set-up campuses in the country; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision for introducing amendments to be incorporated in the University Grants Commission Act in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government permits Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% on the automatic route in the education sector. A legislative proposal on entry and operations of foreign educational institutions in the country is under consideration of the Government. Amendment of the University Grants Commission Act, is not contemplated, for this purpose.

**Stopping of ragging**

768 SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been unable to stop ragging completely in all the colleges and institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether inspite of Government's recent action to stop ragging, incidents like eve-teasing are increasing in colleges; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Eradication of menace of ragging is an ongoing effort. A publicity campaign for ragging free campuses has been launched by the Central Government. State Governments have been requested to step up vigil in regard to incidents of ragging. A Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court also monitors the implementation of directions of the Apex Court in this regard.

**Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gulbarga**

769. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up two Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gulbarga in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of criteria adopted for setting up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in a district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Norms for opening of a new Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) are given in Statement (*See* below). The actual opening is subject to sanction by competent authority and availability of adequate funds.

***Statement***

*Norms for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas*

1. Proposal for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalaya (Central School) is considered only if sponsored by one of the following:-

(i) (a) Ministries or Departments of the Government of India.

(b) State Governments.

(c) Union Territories' Administrations.

(d) Organization of employees belonging to the eligible categories, (as in iii).

(ii) Free of cost land as defined under two categories *viz.*; (i) Minimum (ii) Desirable, the details of which are as under:

| Sl. No. | Location | (i) Minimum requirement (In Acres) | (II) Desirable extent (In Acres) |
|---|---|---|---|
| I | Metropolitan city | 02 | 04 |
| II | Hilly Areas | 04 | 08 |
| III | Urban Area | 04 | 08 |
| IV | Semi-Urban/ Rural Areas | 05 | 10 |

The Sponsoring Authority will, however, be liable to provide land as per 'desirable norms' but where that does not become possible despite best efforts, they would be under obligation to make available land atleast to the extent of 'minimum norms', free of cost.

(iii) (a) When there is a concentration of at least 500 employees of the Defence services or of Central Government or of the Government of India Undertaking individually or jointly (250 in the case of Special Focus Districts).

(b) When there is minimum potential enrolment of children of specified categories for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya belonging to categories I to VI which may be 200 or an average of 30 per class whichever is more.

(iv) When the sponsoring authority makes available, **free of rent or on nominal rent** temporary accommodation to house the expanding Vidyalaya till the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan does construct its own Vidyalaya building on the land leased to it; and

(v) Provision of the residential accommodation to at least 50% of the staff, should be made available by the sponsoring authority. The number of such residential units needs to be earmarked before the school is opened.

2 A new Kendriya Vidyalaya may be opened in the campus of Government of India undertaking if it agrees to bear the recurring and non-recurring expenditure including accommodation, land and future development facilities as also the proportionate overhead charges on the proposed Vidyalaya provided the need for such a Vidyalaya is established with reference to the location and non-availability of alternate educational facilities.

3 A new Kendriya Vidyalaya may be opened in the campus of an Institution of Higher Learning, like IIT, CSIR Laboratories etc. on the same terms and conditions as stipulated in respect of Schools for Public Sector Undertaking.

**Compulsory education of children**

†770. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made fresh estimate of expenditure to be incurred on the programme for providing compulsory education to the children between the age group of 6 to 13 years in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it is higher or lower than the prior estimate;

(c) whether sources for obtaining the required amount have been identified; and

(d) if so, which are those sources and the amount targeted to be obtained from each such source?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.